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WHEREAS; stomach cancer, or gastric cancer, is the fifth most common cancer in the world, according to World Cancer Research Fund International; and

WHEREAS; while the American Cancer Society estimates that the overall survival rate of stomach cancer is 32 percent, the majority of stomach cancers are diagnosed after the disease has progressed to advanced stages, leaving many affected individuals with a five-year survival rate as low as six percent; and

WHEREAS; in 2019, the National Cancer Institute estimated there were 123,920 people living with stomach cancer in the United States, and the American Cancer Society estimates that, in 2022 alone, approximately 26,380 new cases of stomach cancer will be diagnosed and 11,090 individuals will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS; while stomach cancer was once the leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States, thanks to advancements in cancer research and treatment, the prevalence of stomach cancer diagnoses has steadily decreased over the last decade; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins individuals living with stomach cancer, survivors, healthcare professionals, and dedicated advocates and organizations across the state and country—including Debbie's Dream Foundation—in spreading awareness of stomach cancer, supporting research, and embracing hope for improved diagnoses, treatments, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 14th day of October 2022.

FONY EVERS GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State